



Updated Rates for Outpatient Medical Affirmative Claims



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What are Medical Affirmative Claims?

The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act authorizes MTFs to recover the cost of furnishing health care to individuals who are injured or suffer an illness caused by a third party.

This is called a TORT claim.

The Medical Affirmative Claims (MAC) is the military program to recover these costs. MAC also covers the cost of accrued pay for lost time of Service members who are injured or suffer an illness caused by a third party.



Important Facts about MAC

- Involves the billing of **all** forms of liability insurance
 - motor vehicle accident, on the job injury, dog bite, slip and fall, boating accident
- Affects **all** beneficiaries, including Active Duty, when a third party is responsible for the bill



How to Identify a Potential MAC



Previously, MTFs could capture injury information on the DD Form 2569.

This was not always effective or efficient.

The new DD Form 2569 does not ask for this information.

Instead, MTFs should use the MAC Enhancement Tool in CHCS.



The MAC Enhancement Tool

- Identifies possible liability cases
- Captures, stores, and links specific clinical data/codes related to injury and accident information
- Generates good reports



How Are New Rates Developed?



- MAC rates are the same rates as those used to provide care to all patients.
- DIFFERENCE: MAC Rates must be approved by the Executive Branch (OMB)
- MAC Rates had not been approved for several years
 - MTFs were required to bill for outpatient MAC cases based on rates that were approved in 2003.



How Are New Rates Developed?



Once outpatient rates are approved by DoD, they must be forwarded to the OMB.

The OMB reviews and approves the rates.

The OMB forwards the rates to the *Federal Register* for publication.

Once the rates are published, they become effective.



What Is the Difference In Rates?



<u>MAC Rate</u>	<u>CY03</u>	<u>CY08</u>
Ambulance	\$147.00	\$ 170.00
Anesthesia	\$174.00	\$ 886.00
APV	\$ 0.00	\$1,433.00
Dental	\$ 63.00	\$ 96.00
Immunization	\$ 34.00	\$ 48.00
Pharmacy Dispensing Fee	\$ 6.00	Average
Wholesale Price		



Emergency Room E&M Codes

<u>MAC Rate</u>	<u>CY03</u>	<u>CY08</u>
99281	\$179.87	\$ 50.01
99282	\$250.52	\$ 82.96
99283	\$446.31	\$130.00
99284	\$796.83	\$209.00
99285	\$1512.83	\$325.25

***Note:** rate methodology change for CY2007 to move away from Veterans Healthcare Administration ED institutional fees to an APC based facility/institutional fee - minus any professional fees because of DoD's inability to assign two rates to the same CPT code because of Electronic billing requirements.



Observation E&M Codes

<u>MAC Rate</u>	<u>CY03</u>	<u>CY08</u>
99218	\$1211.26	\$689.48
99219	\$1814.03	\$819.94
99220	\$2331.025	\$923.00

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What are the MAC Rates for Pharmacy?



The *Federal Register* announcements state that pharmacy rates are updated periodically.

Therefore, the MAC Rates for Pharmacy are the most recent rates.

Check the UBO Web Site for these rates:

http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/mcfs/ubo/mhs_rates/pharmacy.cfm



What About MAC for Inpatient?



- Rates published 9 December 2002 remain in effect.
- Same process to update these rates.
- Inpatient rates were effective 1 October 2007.
- Package will be presented to OMB for approval and then published in the *Federal Register*.
- Updated inpatient MAC rates will be effective upon publication in the *Federal Register*.



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